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TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/647,093 filed 08/22/2003  
Applicant: Frank DePaul  
Title: **LUBRICATING OIL RECONDITIONING DEVICE AND PROCESS**  
Attorney Docket No. 24392

Sir/Madam:

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- ☒ Form PTO/SB/08A list of 46 references submitted for consideration.
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- ☒ Legible copies of the listed non-patent documents and foreign documents or their relevant portions are included.
- ☒ Copies of U.S. patents and/or publications are not included pursuant to the Official Gazette Notice, dated Aug. 5, 2003, waiving the requirement of 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(i).
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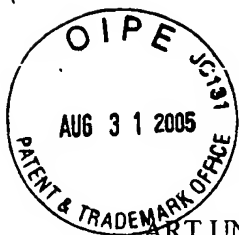
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While no representation is made that any of these references may be "prior art" within the meaning of that term in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 or 103, the enclosed list of references is disclosed so as to comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

Moreover, while no representation is made that a specific search of office files or patent office records has been conducted or that no better art exists, the undersigned attorney of record believes that the references listed, together with any other references which may have been previously submitted or listed, are the closest to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) of which the undersigned is presently aware, and no art which is closer to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) has been knowingly withheld.

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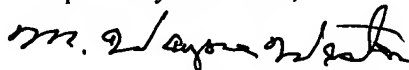
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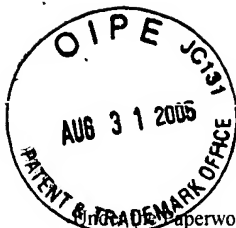


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